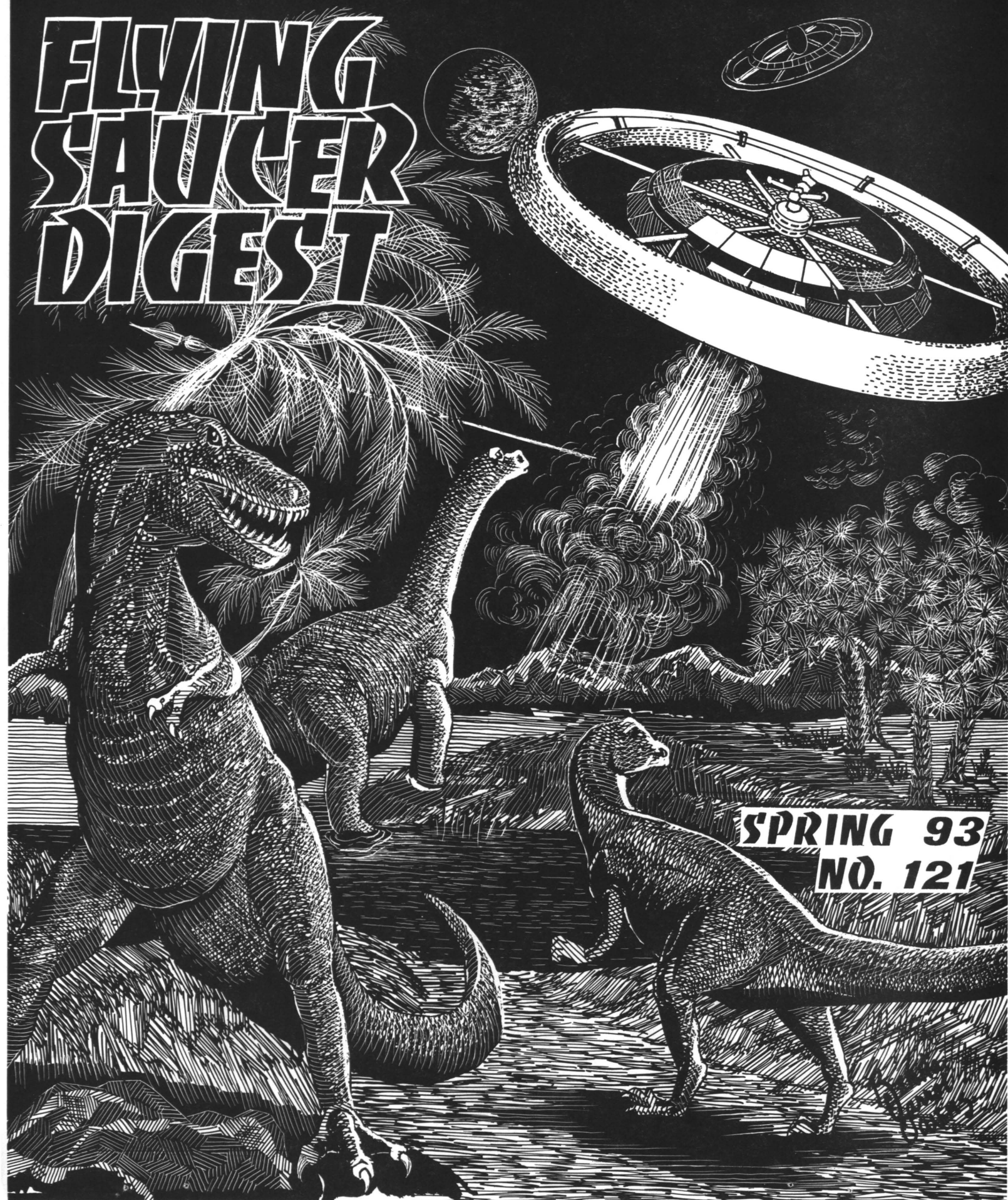


# FLYING SAUCER DIGEST



## FROM THE EDITOR



This is the normal time of year to announce the date and location of the 30th National UFO Conference. As of this spring issue, UAPA has no information. This sometimes happens when other organizations are holding the convention. UAPA always announces the National UFO Conference at least one year in advance. It just seems as if other groups simply cannot handle it.

Earl J. Neff, a UFO figure in the Cleveland area in the 1950s and 1960s died March 12, 1993, at the Berea North Quality Care Center, where he had lived since suffering a brain hemorrhage two years ago. Neff was 90 years old. Mr. Neff will be best known for his founding of the Cleveland Ufology Project in 1958. So long Captain, we'll miss you.

The Bigfoot Digest, by famed researcher Mark Opsasnick, with five hundred sightings in Maryland is now on sale for \$10.00. Send to: P.O. Box 672, Riverdale, MD 20738.

Dr. Leo Sprinkle and fellows will hold the 14th Rocky Mountain Conference on UFO investigation. Write him for information at: 406½ South 21st St., Laramie, WY 82070.

One question that keeps coming to UAPA is, what would other civilizations from other worlds be like? Here is a great answer. It comes from the book On Civilized Stars by Joseph F. Baugher: "Even if there are beings on other worlds similar to overall physical appearance to human beings, there is still no guarantee that their thought processes will bear any similarity to our own. Human mental processes depend to a great extent on the way in which the human brain has developed from its evolutionary precursors. Different evolutionary pathways on other worlds are certain to produce radically different brain structures. Alien intelligences are likely to appear completely bizarre to us. There may be highly intelligent creatures that communicate by means of color and texture, by complex pulses of ultrasound, or by biologically produced radio waves. We may encounter beings with no concept of self, no territorial urge. No fear of strangers, no need for dominance, no religious yearnings, and no intrinsic curiosity about their surroundings. Nevertheless these creatures will be intelligent, even though the intelligence they possess will be alien to our own."

The International UFO Center opened on August 8th, 1992; the world's first international UFO museum and research center open to the public. It's located at 7227 International Dr. Dowdy Plaza, Orlando, FL. Good Luck. The UAPA has seen nine UFO museums in the past thirty years that didn't last more than one year.

The Ancient Astronaut Society will hold the 20th anniversary world conference on August 1-5, 1993 at the Imperial Palace Hotel in Las Vegas. For information write: 1921 ST. Johns Ave. Highland Park, IL 60035-3105.

Allan J. Manak



## UFO BITS AND PIECES

On 19 August 1992, people on the Dutch province of Friesland heard a loud bang and felt tremors, which rocked houses and sent crockery tumbling from shelves. With the recent earthquake in the southern part of the Netherlands fresh in their minds, more than 100 people called the police. Hein Haak, spokesman for the Royal Dutch Meteorological Institute, said that seismic stations near the town of Assen, to the east of Friesland, registered the passing of an acoustic shock wave, which ruled out an earthquake. There were no jets flying at the time of the explosion.

Although the sky was almost entirely obscured by clouds, the wire services reported that at least 10 people reported seeing a red, yellow and orange ball of flame at around 10:30 p.m., hurtling in over the North Sea. Niek de Kort of the Dutch Meteorite Documentation Center suggested that there had been an explosion of a large, rather porous stony meteorite measuring about a metre across, at a height of about 10 kilometres, less than a second before it would have hit the ground near the town of Joure.

However, the meteor theory was soon discarded. "No space debris has been found," said Hien Haak, "and despite our appeals, not many people reported actually seeing anything bright or burning falling from the sky." He thought the most likely explanation was our old pal Aurora. The flight was provisionally located 30 miles west of Textel island at an altitude of at least six miles, because it was not picked up on radar, according to New Scientist, although the Glasgow Herald said that a fleet-ing radar blip had been picked up by oceanic air traffic control in Prestwick.

Professor Rob Schuiling of the University of Utrecht said Haak's theory was "Comical and most unlikely." He said that the tremors were most likely due to earth movements after natural gas escaped from large underground chambers. The Netherlands huge Slochteren gasfield extends far under the northern provinces of Groningen and Friesland. Fortean Times issue no. 66.

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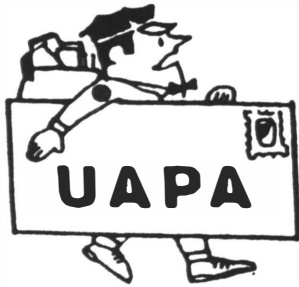
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## READERS' SAY

I wonder if you could help me? I'm doing a history of flying saucer and UFO related magazines for a school project. I was wondering if you could furnish me with magazine titles and addresses of magazines from the sixties?

D. Cunningham  
Chicago, IL

**AJM** - Well we have in our files over seventy different newsletters and magazines from the sixties. I'm including 15 titles that lasted for more than 6 issues. Thank you for asking for our help. I hope your project works out.

I really enjoy your "Weirdology" section in Digest. In particular your articles on Bigfoot and other so-called unknown monsters.

B. Dunham  
Milwaukee, WI

**AJM** - Thank you, Mr. Dunham, Mr. Hilberg selects the articles for the "Weirdology" section. We think he does a commendable job. Incidentally, I'm sending you information on our book UAPA's Bigfoot Journal, I think you'll find it most interesting.

Some time ago you had an article in your magazine about a small ugly man seen near a UFO landing. You even published drawings of this creature. At the time you published this article you said you would have more on this story. I am 15 years old and I would like to use this story for a school project. Could you please help me?

E. Stins  
Richmond, VA

**AJM** - The article you're referring to appeared in FSD No. 104 and was titled "E.T.- A Summer Visitor At Ruby." We never heard a promised follow-up from a UAPA member living in Tuscon, AZ. We tried to make our own inquiries on this sighting, and also failed. We at UAPA pride ourselves on follow-up stories. We have to say at this time that this is one that got away.

### NEW OBJECT FOUND NEAR PLUTO'S ORBIT

The most distant object ever found in the solar system - and perhaps one of the oldest - has been discovered cruising outside the orbit of Pluto.

The discovery of 1992 QB-1, by David Jewitt of the University of Hawaii and Jane Luu of the University of California, may help confirm a theory that some comets originate in a belt known as the Kuiper belt.

The Kuiper belt was first proposed in 1951 by Dutch astronomer Gerard Kuiper as a way to explain where another theoretical comet storehouse got its comets in the first place.

(The Toronto Sun, Sept. 17, 1992 - G. Duplantier)



# MANAK'S NOTEBOOK



As promised in "UFO Retrospective" last issue, we return to 1966 to look at a classic UFO mystery from Ohio: In his ruined world of loneliness and twisted nightmares, Dale Spaur wonders if the chase will ever end.

It began six months ago with "seven steps to hell" and a flying saucer named Floyd.

In the predawn hours of a gentle April morning, Portage County Sheriff's Deputy Spaur chased a flying saucer 86 miles.

Now the strange craft is chasing him. And he is hiding from it, a bearded stranger peering past the limp curtains of a tiny motel room in Solon. He no longer is a Deputy Sheriff.

His marriage is shattered. He has lost 40 pounds. He lives on one bowl of cereal and a sandwich each day.

He walks three miles to an 80 dollars-a-week painter's job. His motel room costs 60 dollars a week. The court has ordered him to pay his wife 20 dollars a week for the support of his two children. That leaves Dale Spaur exactly nothing.

"If I could change all that I have done in my life, I would change just one thing. That saucer."

Police Chief Gerald Buchert of Mantua saw the craft and photographed it. Today Chief Buchert laughs nervously when he speaks of that night. "I'd rather not talk about it." It's something that should be forgotten....left alone. I saw something, but I don't know what it was."

Special Deputy W. L. Neff rode with Spaur during the chase. He won't talk about it.

His wife, Jackelyne, explains. "I hope I never see him like he was after the chase. He was real white, almost in a state of shock. It was awful. And people made fun of him afterwards. He never talks about it anymore. Once he told me, 'If that thing landed in my back yard, I wouldn't tell a soul.' He's been through the wringer."

Patrolman Frank Panzanella saw the chase end in Conway, Pa. where he works. He saw the craft. Now he is silent. Friends say he had his telephone removed because of calls about the UFO.

H. Wayne Huston was a police officer in East Palestine, Ohio. He had worked there seven years. Several months after the saucer passed above him in the night, he resigned....going to Seattle, Wa. to drive a bus. Huston now goes by Harold W. Huston. He tells you: "Sure I quit because of that thing. People laughed at me. And there was pressure. You couldn't put your finger on it, but the pressure was there. The city officials didn't like police officers chasing flying saucers."

Now Spaur hides in Solon, a fugitive from a flying saucer named Floyd. He cannot escape the strange craft.

Spaur and Neff were checking on a car parked alongside U. S. 224 between Randolph and Atwater. The car was filled with radio equipment and had a strange emblem painted on its side, a triangle with a bolt of lightning inside it. Above the emblem was written "seven steps to hell." Behind them they heard a strange humming noise and, turning, said they saw a huge saucer-shaped craft rise out of a woods and hover over them, bathing them in a warm, white light. Then it moved off.

Leaving the mystery car behind, never to be seen again, the two deputies hopped into their cruiser and chased the object - sometimes at speeds of more than 100 m.p.h. The chase finally ended when the cruiser ran out of gas near Pittsburgh.

After the chase, Spaur's daily routine was washed away in a sea of reporters, television cameramen, Air Force investigators, government officials, strange letters from places like Little Rock, Ark. and Australia that told him what to do if the little green men tried to contact him.

"My entire life came crashing down," he said. "Everything changed. I still don't really know what happened. But suddenly, it was as though everybody owned me. And I no longer had anything for myself. My wife, my home, my children. They all seemed to fade away."

Spaur's wife Daneise now is alone with their two children. She has filed for divorce and is working as a waitress in a bar in Ravenna. "Something happened to Dale, but I don't know what it was," she says. "He came home that day and I never saw him more frightened before. He acted strange, listless. He just sat around. He was very pale. Then later, he got real nervous. And he started to run away. He'd just disappear for days and days. I wouldn't see him. Our marriage fell apart. All sorts of people came to the house. Investigators, reporters. They kept him up all night. They kept after him, hounding him. They hounded him right into the ground." Then one night, Dale came home very late. He walked into the living room. There were some other people there. He grabbed his wife and shook her. Hard. He kept shaking her. It left big ugly bruises on her arms.

That was the end of July. Daneise filed assault and battery charges. Dale was jailed, and turned in his badge. A newspaper printed a story

about the deputy who chased the flying saucer being jailed for beating his wife. When he got out of jail, Dale ran....left town, turned his back on everything.

In Solon Dale said, "I have become a freak. I'm so damn lonely, look at me....34 years old and what do I have? Nothing. Who knows me? To everyone I am Dale Spaur, the nut who chased a flying saucer. My father called me several weeks ago. A long time ago we had a fight. I hadn't heard from him for years. Then he calls me. So you think he called to ask how I was. To say I love you, son. Hell, no. He wanted to know if I'd seen any more flying saucers. I tried to go to church for help. I went to church and the minister introduced me to the congregation as the man who chased flying saucers."

Dale Spaur wept as he told what the flying saucer named Floyd had done to him. He calls it Floyd because he saw it once more while he was still working for the Sheriff's Department. The radio operators knew civilians were monitoring their broadcasts, so they agreed to use a code name if the flying saucer was seen again. They called it Floyd, Dale Spaur's middle name.

Dale Spaur was driving east on I-80-S one night in June. He looked up. There it was. "Floyd's here with me," he whispered into the radio. Then he parked the car, and sat there, alone. This time Barney Neff was not with him. Dale did not look out the window. He lit a cigarette and stared at the floor of the cruiser. He sat there for nearly 15 minutes....not looking outside. Not wanting to see Floyd. When he looked up, Floyd had disappeared.

Yet it still follows him. And it has ruined his life.

This he believes.

- Part of this article was in the Cleveland Plain Dealer, Oct. 9, 1966, and other parts are from the private files of UAPA.

# **AROUND AND ABOUT THE SAUCER WORLD**

by Rick R. Hilberg

## **MYSTERIOUS LIGHTS STARTLE MANY IN W. VIRGINIA**

Staffer Sean Gannon gave details on this September 27th weirdie in the Beckley Register-Herald of September 28th:

Summers County residents are wondering whether the bright flashing lights they saw on a hilltop late Sunday night could be an unidentified flying object.

The row of six or seven lights was first reported around 8:20 p.m. when about 23 staff and guests at the Oaks Supper Club on Indian Ridge Road in Pipestem saw bright green lights at the end of the building, where normally there are just regular floodlights, said waitress Sharon Romanello.

"The lights (outside near the dining room window) flashed and then got a funny green glow," she said. "I walked out and then two other waitresses went out and the light went out totally."

"A strong green light came back and then while we were looking at



the light (to see why it had turned green) we saw the row of lights (up on the hill)," she said.

The row of flashing lights could clearly be seen in a far away field on top of a hill, she said, watching the lights as she spoke on the phone.

The guests and staff all told Romanello they weren't sure what the object was, and none thought it looked like an airplane or helicopter. No one reported seeing any movement from the lighted object, she said.

After looking at the lights through binoculars, one guest left to bring back a telescope, she said.

Firefighters were called and there were no flames coming from the object to indicate wreckage, she said.

Police, firefighters and restaurant staff all laughed when asked if they thought it was a UFO. Yet all admitted they didn't know what the lights were and wanted to find out.

At 10:30 p.m., Indian Ridge Road was reported to be busy, as residents came to take a look at the lights, Romanello said.

"They're definitely lights, but I don't know what it is," said one person who asked not to be identified. "We drove out as close to where we thought it was, but couldn't seem to get close enough."

A state police Trooper from the Hinton detachment was also asked to investigate and was heading toward the area at press time.

"If I get taken by little green men, make a good write-up in the paper," joked Trooper T. S. Pack.

Yet, the lights did warrant a closer look, Romanello said. When police arrived and looked at the lights through binoculars, they were still joking, but decided to change clothes, find the lights and get to the bottom of the mystery, she said.

At 10:45 p.m., police had not yet identified the source of the lights.

Off-duty firemen from the Pipestem Volunteer Fire Department took a video camera and were trying to find the source of the lights, and were still there at press time, said fire department dispatcher Linda Lowe.

## **MYSTERY LIGHTS SIGHTED IN ALASKA**

Nell Waage of the Kodiak Daily Mirror reported on this November 21st case in the paper's November 24th edition:

They don't know what it was; but they agree it was not like anything any of them had ever seen in the sky before.

Gary Peterson, Peter Whitson and Brian Wilson were aboard Wilson's boat, the FV Cable Nissenen, anchored up in McDonald's Lagoon in Izhut Bay on Afognak Island Saturday evening.

Whitson said he noticed the odd lights when he stepped out on deck.

"I watched them for a little while; they were not like anything I ever saw in my life," he says.

He called the other men and they all watched for about five minutes as the bright light - described as much larger than a star - disappeared from one spot, instantaneously appearing in another a short distance away.

"We never saw a ship," Peterson says. "We saw a set of lights, one over the other, move from spot to spot instantaneously without leaving a streak."

"It was variable," Whitson says. "It would jump around here, then there, then here, then there; sometimes getting really bright and then

dim down.

"Through binoculars you could see another smaller light just below it. When it was real bright it looked a little bluish to me, kind of like Sirius, the star, would."

Whitson describes himself as an amateur astronomer who enjoys pointing his telescope at the sky on a clear night. But he had never seen anything quite like this spectacle.

"When it got bright, it got brighter than any star in the sky. It wasn't a star, stars don't jump around. You couldn't see it travel; it blinked off here and on there. It didn't move around that much. It was jumping mainly the diameter of a full moon, occasionally the diameter of two full moons."

Whitson says he could see the reflection of the light in the water and it was about 30 degrees above the horizon in the southern sky.

Peterson thought it was north of them. "It was much brighter than the stars, almost as intense as a strobe light, much bigger than a star," Peterson says.

He says the men had not been drinking or doing drugs.

"We definitely saw something, we don't know what it was. It had nothing to do with anything in our experience," he says.

Wilson reported the sighting to the Coast Guard.

A Coast Guard spokesman says that from the description a determination was made that the light was not a flare or any kind of distress signal. It was also determined that no aircraft that might possibly be in the area were overdue and that no other vessels were in the immediate vicinity. The Alaska State Troopers and Air Force were also contacted.

### **UNUSUAL OVAL CIRCLE IN MINNESOTA FIELD**

Joni Astrup of the Elk River Star News filed this account on November 25th:

An unusual clearing was discovered in an Elk River corn field recently, prompting the farmer to alert police.

Corn stalks had been broken off six to eight inches from the ground, creating a clearing 30 by 60 feet in size.

The clearing was oval but not symmetrical and located in the middle of a field near County Road 30 and Rawlings Street, just south of the Sherburne County Government Center.

A police officer came out and looked at the site Nov. 12, but authorities are stumped.

"We have no idea what caused the damage," Police Chief Tom Zerwas said.

He said there were no vehicle tracks leading into the area and they don't believe deer are to blame. When asked if it



ELK RIVER MYSTERY CIRCLE

could be a hoax because of the recent UFO sightings in Elk River, Zerwas said there's no way to determine that.

"We're looking at it as being either criminal damage to property or a natural thing," he said.

The landowner, who asked not to be named, said he's farmed all his life and never seen anything like it. "I don't know how to explain it," he said.

Meanwhile, a member of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), which investigates UFO sightings, came to Elk River last week to have a look at the field.

Although the area had been damaged when the corn was harvested, John Sawicke said he was still able to see where the circle had been and plans to investigate the matter further.

Sawicke, of Burnsville, has a deep interest in the subject and has been to England three times to look at crop circles there. He said about 1,000 crop circles were found in wheat fields in England last year and another 1,000 were discovered this summer.

Two men stepped forward last year and claimed that they had been making crop circles as a joke for the last 10 years.

But Sawicke said they "weren't in business this summer." And, he said their method of making the crop circles with a string and a board doesn't account for all the anomalies in the formations.

The wheat in the circles, for example, seems to be laid down in a spiral pattern going out from the center. When the wheat has been lifted up, observers have found the under layer laid down in the opposite direction.

And, in some cases he said the crop has been bent at a 90-degree angle. The cell walls of the plants show a rapid heating effect where the bends occurred, he said, "something like microwave heat was applied to them."

Meanwhile, unusual things have been found in Minnesota fields.

Two years ago near Hutchinson a 40-foot-wide swath through a corn field left a mark about what resembled a question mark. Sawicke said the corn was scorched black where it had been severed, with the scorching traveling through the plant to lower nodes.

"It was almost like an electrical current went through the corn, scorching as it went," he said.

The subject of crop circles or "saucer nests" also came up during a recent meeting in Elk River hosted by MUFON.

MUFON member and science teacher Dick Moss of Long Prairie showed slides of a large barbell-shaped crop impression that occurred in a field near Underwood, Minn., earlier this year.

He said crop circles are common in that area.

## **CALIFORNIA FAMILY FILMS UFO**

Diana Washington Valdez of the Palm Springs Desert Sun reports on this fascinating case of January 1st in the paper's January 2nd edition: What was it?

Friends who gathered for a New Year's celebration and saw it in the night sky hovering over La Quinta are still wondering.

Robert Ceballos of Palm Springs filmed the strange lights with his video camera and spent most of the day showing it to others.

Todd Sandell believes what they saw shortly after midnight on Friday was an unidentified flying object.

"I've never seen anything like it in my life," Sandell said. "It



(L-R) RICHARD, ROBERT, WILLEMA AND BOBBY, JR CEBALLOS. ABOVE RIGHT: MYSTERY OBJECT

was not an airplane, helicopter or weather balloon - it was a UFO."

Ceballos, his wife, Willema Ceballos, and his brother, Richard Ceballos, agree what they saw was unusual.

The Ceballoses were at Sandell's La Quinta home on Avenida Villa when they saw the objects, which first appeared to the north.

The circular lights were reddish-yellow and faded in and out. Two of them faded completely away after about 15 minutes, while a third one lingered

for another half hour.

Something swirled around the third light in a clockwise direction, fell downward and then pulled back into the light.

"At first I thought it was a star, or maybe fireworks, but it moved around, then stood perfectly still, and it didn't make any noise," said Richard Ceballos of Cathedral City.

Robert Ceballos said people next door also noticed the objects.

"It was weird and a little scary," Willema Ceballos said.

A Riverside County Sheriff dispatcher said someone in Moreno Valley reported seeing a big ball of fire fall from the sky after midnight.

"An officer who went to check didn't see anything," the dispatcher said.

## WEIRDODOLOGY

### "CADDY" VISITS PACIFIC NORTHWEST SHORES

This interesting account comes from staffer Scott Gorman of the Everett, Washington Herald in the paper's October 31st issue:

Many of the kids at your door or Halloween party will be dressed up as rather typical, universal monsters - vampires and werewolves, etc.

But if they had a shred of coastal Northwest pride, at least one would be decked out as a Caddy, the elusive sea creature that once or twice a year reportedly pokes its graceful neck up from north Pacific coastal waters, surprising onlookers.

Dubbed "Cadborosaurus" and nicknamed "Caddy" by researchers at the University of British Columbia (after Cadboro Bay near Victoria, where the creatures are sometimes spotted), the creature is a rather large marine animal that resembles the fabled Scottish Loch Ness Monster. And like Nessie, Caddy turns up just enough to keep up his or her mystique.

Doris Sinclair, a Lake Stevens resident, had an encounter with a Caddy in February near Ocean Shores on the Washington coast.

"I was at a spot on the jetty sitting on the rocks, and I spotted him about 30 feet from where I was sitting," Sinclair says.

The sea was calm on that sunny winter day. "I saw this wonderfully long slender neck just rise up out of the water," Sinclair says. "He made this nodding motion, precisely the same motions as it rose out of the water four or five times. I only saw the neck and head, about five or six feet out of the water.

"It suggested elegance. It had a kind of dignity about it."

Sinclair lost sight of the Caddy when it was about 500 feet from shore. "I felt honored," she said of the sighting.

"My husband was thoughtful but skeptical, my kids interested," she says. "But then I told my brother. He said 'Uh, huh.'..."

At that point, Sinclair decided to keep the Caddy to herself.

"It's uncomfortable to be disbelieved," she said.

That concern about being labeled as a bit of a kook might keep other Caddy spotters from coming forward, says Paul LeBlond, a professor of Oceanography of the Un. of British Columbia. But there's something out there, he says, and it's worth studying.

"What's out there? That's still an open question, But it is some sort of marine animal with a long neck, a horsey face, with a big mouth and eyes. All the reports are about the same, although some say it's furry, like a seal. About one or two credible sightings of the Caddy are made each year, LeBlond says, "by very rational people who are sometimes embarrassed about what people might think."

Hardly anyone has seen the creature below the neck, LeBlond says.

#### **MYSTERY CREATURE SPOTTED IN S. CAROLINA**

This September 20th encounter was related by Warren Bolton of the Columbia State on September 22nd:

If you don't believe in the Loch Ness Monster, Bigfoot or the Lizard Man, maybe it's because you haven't seen them.

Sylvester Arnold never believed the stories. Not until Sunday when he and his wife encountered a creature in Richland County on a fishing trip. As Arnold and his wife walked along railroad tracks in the woods, a creature "appeared out of nowhere."

"I take it to be Bigfoot or whatever they call it, Sasquatch. It wasn't an ape and it wasn't a bear, it was crossing a bridge. It was furry, I mean like a black fur coat. This thing was huge and it was walking, swinging its arms back and forward," Arnold said.

"I just started sweating. My hair just rolled up on my head. We both panicked when we realized it wasn't human. It never went to all fours. When it was coming toward us it was walking straight up like a man."

Arnold, who lives in Eastover, said he fired a shot in the air with his .22-caliber rifle and the creature headed for the woods. "I got out of there," he said.

Richland County Sheriff Allen Sloan, acknowledging the report wasn't taken totally seriously, said a deputy was sent to the scene. The deputy and Arnold walked the area.

Impressions were found near the railroad tracks, rocks had been disturbed and briars pushed apart. Animal hair found was deer hair.

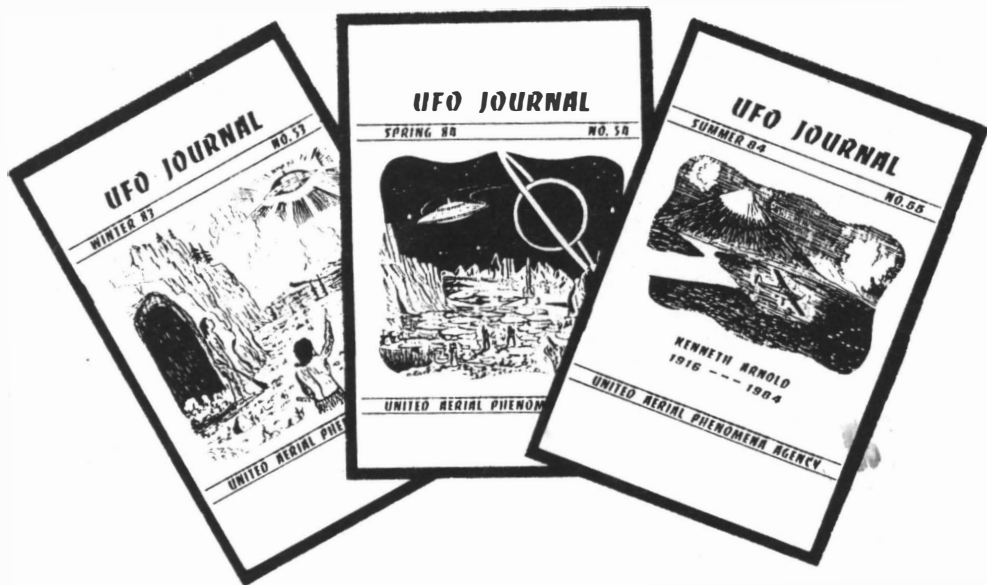
"I guess all of us like to believe secretly or openly that things like that maybe do exist," Sloan said. "Who am I to say he didn't see something? I was not there."

Arnold knows many people won't believe his story.

People might think I'm crazy and that it's something I made up, but I don't do that," Arnold said. "I wouldn't play a hoax."

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